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Argentina threatening to strike first

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The commander of the British war fleet warned a battle for the Falklands would be long and bloody and Argentina threatened to strike first to stop the British air and sea blockade around the islands.
"We are getting extremely close to the front line and this is a dangerous situation," Rear Adm. Sandy Woodward said in a statement.
Woodward's warning came only hours after Britain declared an air sea blockade starting at 7 a.m. on Friday around the Falklands. Argentina raised the stakes by saying it may take pre-emptive action against the fleet.
"There comes a time that a defensive action must necessarily become offensive action, and we will take a decision at the proper moment," Argentine military spokesman said.
Woodward expressed hope war could be averted and said the British

fleet would stay in the South Atlantic for quite a long period if London and Buenos Aires decide to resume peace talks.
"I am not in doubt that unless people say 'let's stop' it will be a long and bloody campaign, and in my mind it's absolutely fundamental to try to avoid it," he said.
Although both governments said they were studying a new peace proposal from Secretary of State Alexander Haig, there was little hope of averting an armed confrontation in the South Atlantic. Press reports in both capitals said the U.S. plan was unacceptable.
In London, the Defense Ministry warned ships and planes of all countries to stay out of the 200-nautical-mile war zone or take the consequences.
In Buenos Aires, the military junta headed by President Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri issued a statement saying "military operations in the area of the Malvinas Islands (Falklands) are expected in the next 24 to 48 hours."



Rearing to go
Fred the ferret stops to let his owner Ed Steffan take a breather. Steffan, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Bryan, was resting near Sterling C. Evans library.

Corps dismisses 8 due to hazing

by Cyndy Davis and Denise Richter
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Eight junior members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets were dismissed from that organization Wednesday as a result of their participation in a hazing incident Monday night, a University official confirmed Wednesday night.
Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services, said eight members of Company F-2 were dismissed from the Corps and have been recommended for further disciplinary action.
Disciplinary hearings with Bill Kibler, the University administrative hearing officer, are expected to be scheduled for early next week.
Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, assistant vice president for student services, said the names of the students involved cannot be released because they are protected under the Federal Privacy Act.
During the incident, several freshman members of Company F-2 were struck with ax handles across the buttocks by some of the outfit's junior members, sources said.
As a result, one freshman required medical treatment at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.
Sources stressed that not all members of the outfit were involved.
Hazing, which is against state law, is defined in the Corps of Cadets handbook as: "Participation in any act or threat, physical or mental, perpetrated for the purpose of submitting a student or any other person to physical pain or discomfort, indignity or humiliation, or to deprive a cadet of any right, privilege or advantage to which he is entitled at any time or any place."

Corps policy also states: "The possession of any instrument of hazing is also prohibited. This includes boards, paddles, ax handles, modified ball bats or any other instrument that could be used to strike a person to bring pain or discomfort."
One freshman who was involved in the incident, said: "It wasn't hazing. It happens in every company — it's just something that happens in the Corps."
"It was wrong to do and we all know that it was wrong. The juniors were involved but it was our choice that it happened."
According to the Corps handbook: "Allowing oneself to be hazed ... could be punishable to the same extent as hazing itself."
But, the freshman who commented said no action has been taken against him or the other freshmen involved and, "as of now, nothing will," he said.
When asked about the incident, Capt. David L. Herzik, military adviser to Company F-2, said: "Our position at this point is that we don't care to make a comment. The University disciplinary procedure is being set up. Any comments could influence it (the outcome) one way or the other."
Assistant Commandant Donald J. Johnson said: "There's too much still to be investigated to release anything yet."
Corps Commandant James R. Woodall is out of town and is not expected to review the case until Friday.
Charlie Childs, 1982-83 commanding officer of Company F-2, and Kelly Starr, 1982-83 first sergeant of the outfit, declined comment.
But, 1982-83 Corps Commander Mike Holmes said: "It was an unfortunate incident, but what took place took place, and that's all I have to say."

Reapportionment to occur in fall

by Beverly Hamilton
Battalion Reporter
Reapportionment, night exams standardized night exams given the final were debated by the Student Senate Wednesday night.
The Student Government Judicial Board issued a writ of mandamus for late reapportionment because the Senate had failed to do so this year.
The writ directed the Senate to reapportion itself by April 28 — but instead, the Senate voted to do so during its first meeting in the fall.
The proposed reapportionment would decrease the number of students in the College of Agriculture one, increase the number in the College of Engineering by one and decrease the number of freshmen at large by two.
If the Senate reapportions in the fall, senators will not be removed from their seats due to the reapportionment.
Debate delayed voting on the reapportionment of the senate. Vicki Younger, senator for Krueger/Whisher, requested an amendment to reapportionment so Underwood, Eggs, Clements and Leggett halls would be represented by the same senator. This change would be necessary for equal representation of constituents by the senators, Younger said.
After debate, the plan was referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee.
Greg Bates, vice president of rules and regulations, said the apportionment is based on fall enrollment because of the election.

The Senate also passed a bill to urge administrators to ban required night exams. The bill applies only to day classes and will be effective in the spring of 1983.
Another bill passed by the Senate opposes any moves to have common night exams for finals and a bill that appropriates up to \$2,000 for the publication of at least 12,000 "Discovering Aggieland."
During the meeting, Brian Terrell was elected speaker of the senate and David Alders was elected speaker pro tempore.
The Senate also approved Student Body President Pat Pearson's executive branch appointments.
Four bills were introduced and referred to committees. They were:
Data Processing Directorship Bill — defines the responsibilities of the data processing department of Student Government — referred to the Rules and Regulations committee.
University Committee Bill — requests that the student body president ask University officials to schedule University Committee meetings at least once a semester — referred to the Student Services committee.
Academic Visibility Bill — asks that the trash dumpster obstructing the view of the Academic Building be relocated — referred to the Student Services committee.
University Drive Parking Bill — recommends that parking on University Drive by the Academic and Agency Building be limited to holders of blue and brown parking permits.

Hilton proposal

Chances for on-campus hotel slim

by Daniel Puckett
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The Texas A&M System Board of Regents' committee studying the proposed on-campus hotel will meet again in June but all indications are that no hotel will be built on campus.
"Because of the possibility of getting 475 first-class hotel rooms here in the near future, the probability is that the committee will rule against the Hilton proposal," a System source said Wednesday.
The 475 rooms will be produced by the expansion of the Ramada Inn and the construction of the Sheraton Inn on East University Drive.
The committee studying the proposed University Hilton heard testimony Wednesday from a variety of businessmen and politicians.
But, little of the testimony favored the controversial hotel.
State Sen. Kent Caperton and state Rep. Bill Prenal both spoke to the committee, which is composed of four regents and seven University administrators. All members were present, except for University President Frank E. Vandiver.
Caperton said he had serious reservations about the idea, and said the Legislature certainly would raise questions about its propriety.
"They'll ask, 'Why would the University take a prime piece of property and go into the hotel business?'" he said.
"... the market (for the Hilton) just isn't there. If (Eric Hilton Jr.) refuses to put his hotel anywhere else but on campus, what does that tell you? The market just isn't there" — Joe A. Ferreri, owner of the Ramada Inn.

already maintains 65 guest rooms in the Memorial Student Center, Caperton said that such a small operation is "an entirely different concept" from a full-sized commercial hotel.
"It's a big step from the MSC to a Hilton," he said. "And if there is a problem (in supply of hotel rooms), we all hope the marketplace will take care of it."
Prenal agreed with Caperton and added that the Legislature had been approached in 1968 to authorize the sale of University land. That proposal led to legislative action.
He said an amendment to a bill, enacted by the Legislature in 1969, was meant to prohibit commercial use of the original main campus.
That area, which is not yet exactly defined, includes at least the land between University Drive on the north, Texas Avenue on the east, Jersey Street on the south and the railroad tracks on the west. The site of the proposed hotel, on the southwest corner of Texas Avenue and University Drive, is within the area affected by the law.
The law forbids the Board to "sell or otherwise dispose of" any part of

the original main campus.
"While you may be able to get (a hotel lease arrangement) through the courts, it was the Legislature's intent to prohibit that sort of commercial development," he said.
Former state Senator Bill Moore, Caperton's predecessor, was a member of the Senate when the amendment was adopted. He agrees with that interpretation of the law, Prenal said.
Joe A. Ferreri, owner of the Ramada Inn, which is across University Drive from the proposed Hilton site, also spoke against the hotel.
"We oppose anything that might be put on campus that might affect free enterprise," Ferreri said.
He said Bryan/College Station cannot support another hotel, especially with the expansion of his own hotel and the construction of a Sheraton Inn and other proposed hotels in the area.
Ferreri is building a 17-story addition to the Ramada, which will contain 196 guest rooms when complete. He also is modernizing the existing structure to bring it up to first-class standards.
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Student charged with tapping into computer

A Texas A&M freshman was arrested by the University Police Wednesday and charged with tampering with governmental records, said Bob Wiatt, investigator for the Brazos County District Attorney's office, said today.
James L. Hallers II, 19, a computing science major from Houston, was released from the Brazos County Jail Wednesday after posting a \$300 cash bond on the 3rd degree felony charge.
The arrest came after Texas A&M officials learned Hallers was tampering with the Texas A&M computer system, Wiatt said. The officials then

contacted the University Police, who notified the district attorney.
District Attorney Travis Bryan III issued a search-and-arrest warrant for Hallers, a Walton Hall resident, following an investigation, he said.
Wiatt said police officers seized computer data manuals, computer discs and notes as evidence in the case.
University Police detective William S. Scott said officials were acting on a tip received from an informant that Hallers was altering grades and gaining access to the University computer through a personal computer.
Haller will be brought before a magistrate today, Scott said.

No charges filed by UT; students face discipline here

by Cyndy Davis
Battalion Staff
Seven Texas A&M students face possible disciplinary action by University officials as a result of their reported involvement in an incident at the University of Texas Monday night.
UT police reports say the students tried to steal a war memorial marker from Memorial Stadium and damaged it in the process.
Bill Kibler, University administrative hearings officer, said he is waiting to take action until he receives an assessment of damages and an incident report from UT. He said he expects this information today.
The extent of disciplinary action taken by the University will be determined by how much damage was done, Kibler said.
Kibler also said whether the students plan to make restitution will have an effect on action taken by the University.
The students, if found guilty, will be treated as if they had vandalized Texas A&M property, he said.
UT police saw the students as they fled the stadium at about 3 a.m. Monday, reports say.

One student also broke the horns off of a plywood steer erected over a stadium storeroom, reports say.
UT athletic department officials declined charges against the students, but referred them to Texas A&M officials.
The students reportedly loosened the marker from its place under the scoreboard and rolled it down four stadium steps. A corner of the marker was broken off and two concrete steps were chipped.
Names of the students are being withheld by UT and Texas A&M officials.

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Partly cloudy with light winds; high near 80; low in the low 60s. Friday's forecast calls for a chance of showers or thunderstorms with a high in the low 80s.